



## **Town of Swampscott Select Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, November 22, 2021 – 5:00 PM  
*Virtual Meeting*

### **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Peter Spellios (Chair), Polly Titcomb, Neal Duffy, David Grishman

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

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### **OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator; Allie Fiske, Director of Communications & Strategic Initiatives; Joe Douillette, Cable Media Manager; Molly O'Connell, Senior Planner; Michael McClung, Town Moderator

The meeting was called to order to 5:00 PM.

### **TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

The Select Board reviewed the December 13, 2021 Special Town Meeting warrant.

#### **ARTICLE 1: Amend Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget**

The Select Board reviewed all budget transfer requests. The Select Board questioned the appropriateness of capital items being included in a mid-year budget transfer – namely Windsor Ave and Police Communications Equipment. There was a discussion of whether or not alternate mechanisms were in place in the warrant to address these items as capital expenses. The Capital Improvement Committee will also review those requests prior to Town Meeting.

The Select Board will report out on this Article at Town Meeting.

#### ARTICLE 2: Approve Funding – Pedestrian Safety Infrastructure

The Town Administrator and staff are currently putting together a scope of work and a presentation for Town Meeting, when more detailed information will be available. The Select Board will report out on this Article at Town Meeting.

#### ARTICLE 3: Approve transfer of Free Cash – Collective Bargaining Agreements

As union negotiations are ongoing, there are currently no details to provide to the Select Board related to this warrant article. The Select Board will report out on this at Town Meeting.

#### ARTICLE 4: Approve transfer of free cash – Adjustment to Tax Rate

The Finance Committee will join the Tax Rate Classification hearing so all committees can find commonality in preparation for Town Meeting. The Select Board will report out on this article at Town Meeting.

#### ARTICLE 6: Approve Transfer of Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings

On MOTION (Spellios) and SECONDED (Duffy) it was VOTED by roll call to recommend favorable action on this Article. Roll call: Spellios (YES) Duffy (YES) Grishman (YES) Titcomb (YES)

#### ARTICLE 7: Approve Transfer of Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings

On MOTION (Spellios) and SECONDED (Duffy) it was VOTED by roll call to recommend favorable action on this Article. Roll call: Grishman (YES) Spellios (YES) Duffy (YES) Titcomb (YES)

#### ARTICLE 8: Establish a Solid Waste Enterprise Fund

On MOTION (Spellios) and SECONDED (Grishman) it was voted by roll call to recommend favorable action on this article. Spellios (YES) Duffy (YES) Grishman (YES) Titcomb (YES). The floor motion will have more details.

#### ARTICLE 12: National Grid Easement

Select Board member Peter Spellios provided some history regarding this particular article. Three years ago, the Town acquired an easement. Since then, National Grid has stated that their preference is to work with Swampscott relative to the Rail Trail as they have with other communities – requesting instead a ground lease. On MOTION (Spellios) and SECONDED (Duffy) it was VOTED by roll call to recommend favorable action on this article. Duffy (YES) Grishman (YES) Spellios (YES) Titcomb (YES)

On MOTION (Grishman) and SECONDED (Spellios) it was VOTED to close the warrant for the December 13, 2021 Special Town Meeting. Spellios (YES) Duffy (YES) Grishman (YES) Titcomb (YES). Members assented to having their electronic signature affixed to the warrant.

On MOTION (Grishman) and SECONDED (Duffy) it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

True Attest,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allie Fiske". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Allie Fiske, Director of Communications & Strategic Initiatives

*Minutes approved by Select Board in vote at meeting on 12/1/21*